

Pray this month especially for:

Around the Fellowship:

Letitia Adams, Rob & Clare Bidgood & family, Roger & Pauline Bingham, Ana Bonham & family, Kris & Maxine Brunt & family, John Burford

Around Stockwood:

Harrington Road, Harrington Walk, Harrington Avenue, Harrington Grove, Atkins Close, The Coots, Burnbush Close, Ashwell Grove, Archer Walk, Sideland Close, Scout Hut, The Harvesters

Prayer Walk – 6.30pm on **13th January**. Meet at Dave & Barbara's home (11 Maple Close), to walk around this area

Intercessory Prayer Meeting – 7.30pm on **23rd January** at Carol & Lance's home

Lance's Labours

- Prayer – and ways in which more of us can be involved
- Sturminster area – how we can be 'more present' in that area
- Planning – just thinking a bit further ahead into the coming year

Where is Lance?

Lance and Carol return from their mini break on Saturday 5th January, after that they will be around for the rest of the month.

Please also note that Lance will take **Fridays as an official day off** and should not be contacted (Ted or Roger will be available in the event of an emergency)

IT group

Are we making the most-effective use of our excellent IT infrastructure? Have we got the emphasis right? Is it strategic? Is it a "Kingdom-building" work? Please speak to Lance if you would be interested in joining a "think tank" sometime in the New Year

Advance Notices

Easter

Lance is already thinking about how we might use our new rooms in the week leading up to Easter; a "prayer experience" room is already on his list. Please let him know if there is anything else that you think would work

Next Newsletter Deadline : 23rd January

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Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Jesus Christ

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

We meet every Sunday morning at 10.45am

(Prayer from 10.15am)

With Youth Church, Adventurers, Crèche, Refreshments. Communion is generally held on the first Sunday of the month



WEEKLY PROGRAMME

We begin the month with our annual covenant service where we review and renew our commitment individually and as a church. For the rest of the month, we will start a short series on the book of Genesis which has a lot to say to our current age

SUNDAY:

Dec 30th All Age Service with G1
Jan 6th Lance: Matthew 25: 31-40 – Serving (includes Communion)
13th Ted: Genesis Ch1 – Sovereignty (Creation)
6.30pm – Prayer Walk
20th Lance: Genesis Ch2-4 – Sin (Adam & Eve)
6.30pm – Film Night (King's Faith)
27th Travis: Genesis Ch6-9 – Salvation (Noah)
Feb 3rd Ted: Ch12,15,17 – Covenant (Abraham) (includes Communion)

MONDAY:

11.30am **School Assembly** – please pray for the team (7th)
7.45pm **Lunch Club** (14th onwards)
8.00pm **Fellowship Group** at 70 Ladman Rd
Worship Planning Meeting (14th)

TUESDAY:

7.00pm **Weigh & Pray**

WEDNESDAY:

9.30am **School Assembly** – please pray for the team (9th)
7.00pm **Toddlers' Group**
7.30pm **Puppet Practice** (16th & 30th)
Fellowship Group at 83 Stockwood Rd (not 2nd) (9th & 16th at 11 Maple Close)
7.30pm **Intercessory Prayer Meeting** at Carol & Lance's home (23rd)
7.45pm **Leaders Meeting** (9th)

THURSDAY:

1.00pm **Toddlers' Group**
7.45pm **Fellowship Group** at 20 Stockwood Rd (not 17th)
7.45pm **Church Members Meeting** (17th)

FRIDAY:

8.00pm **Holiday Club Planning Meeting**

SATURDAY:

4.00pm **Youth Church/Adventurers New Year Party** (12th)
5.00pm **Prayer for our Children** (12th)
7.30am **Monthly Bible Meditation**
Starting at 7.30am and lasting for just an hour (5th)
8.00pm **G1 Group** at Lance and Carol's home (5th & 19th)

NEWS & EVENTS

Christmas

Thank you one and all for all that you have done to make our Christmas celebrations such a great success. Many people in Stockwood came to one or more events and were very positive about the welcome they received and what went on in, and off, our premises

Prayer

I am really not into New Year's Resolutions for the obvious reason – I don't keep them! – but it would be great if more of us could commit to praying with others even if it is only on an occasional basis [Lance]

Marriage Preparation – Thursday 24th January

See Carol or Lance if you'd like to know more (meeting at their home)

CCCCF

Does anyone want to join the Masons and several other Church families camping on the Oswestry showground during the Whitsun Bank Holiday week? Please see Lance or Carol if you do!

Moldova

It is increasingly looking as though we will visit Andrei and Eugenia in mid-September. If anyone else is interested in joining the group – we already have quite a few names – then please let Lance or Carol know

Praying for our Children – 12th January (5-7pm)

A time of praying with others or on your own for your children/grandchildren/foster children/God children – whatever their age. We will be using two of the new rooms – one for praying with others and one for praying alone. This overlaps with the Adventurers party, so if your children are at the party, why not arrive early to pick them up and pray for them first?

Holiday Club - Backpackers

This year we will be running the club for two full school days **Tuesday 19th February** and **Wednesday 20th February** from **9am to 3.30pm**, for children **5 to 11 years**. Children staying for the day will need to bring a packed lunch. In addition to our usual team (new helpers very welcome), we will need some extra people to supervise the children during the lunch break (we have activities planned). Please see Pauline Bingham if you want to know more. Planning meetings for leaders will be each Friday at 8pm, from 4th January at Clare's home.

Please save your small glass jars for a craft session (give to Hilary please)

Lord's Prayer Crosses

If you would like to order a cross similar to the one in the extension corridor, please see Roger. Various smaller sizes are available